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SUBJ: SHIPPING LEGISLATION

- 1. THE DCG AND MLN ON MAY 31 BLOCKED FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON SHIPPING BILL BY VOTING TO RETURN BILL TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IS DIRECTED TO CALL UP FOR HEARINGS THE GUATEMALAN MARITIME AND AIR SHIPPING COMPANIES. POSSIBLY, THE BILL COULD BE BACK TO THE FLOOR AND FINAL ACTION TAKEN ON JUNE 2.
- 2. IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS RAISED THE ISSUE WITH AND IS SEEKING DIRECT SUPPORT FROM PRESIDENT LAUGERUD. THE LEADERSHIP IS HOPING FOR A FULL-SCALE EFFORT THIS WEEK, BOTH IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION JUNE 2.
- 3. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT POLITICAL OPPOSITION WILL CONTINUE STRONG EFFORT TO BLOCK LEGISLATION PASSAGE THROUGH THIS WEEK IN A POWER PLAY TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT AND INFLUENCE CONGRESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MID-JUNE.
- 4. PROBABLY BECAUSE OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRESS BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MADE ON SHIPPING LEGISLATION, EMBASSY HAS HAD NO INDICATION OF PRESSURE FROM US SHIPPING INTERESTS. US PRIVATE SECTOR IN GUATEMALA CONTINUES FIRM SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION DUE TO EXPECTATION THAT LOWER SHIPPING COSTS WILL FOLLOW ITS PASSAGE. BOSTER

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